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## **George Celebrates District Office Grand Opening**

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LANSING – State Senator Tom George, R-Texas Township, today, celebrated the grand opening of his new district office, located at 157 South Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 170, Kalamazoo MI, 49006. The new office is next door to Congressman Fred Upton's district office.

"I'm looking forward to having a new neighbor," Upton said. "The proximity allows for better collaboration with all levels of government and facilitates service to the constituents of our districts. Now we need only go next door to work together on issues affecting the citizens of the greater Kalamazoo area. So many times, our constituents have state and federal inquiries and this way we can get them resolved faster by working together."

"The City is pleased to see Senator Tom George is opening a district office in Kalamazoo," said Pat DiGiovanni, Kalamazoo City Manager. "Considering the importance of the issues facing the legislature and their possible impacts on our community, the need for government officials and their constituencies to work together more closely is more important than ever."

The celebration was attended by George and Upton as well as other local officials and citizens. The district office welcomes constituent phone calls at 269-226-0124, as well as walk-in traffic.

"My Lansing office is and will continue to be available for constituents who need help," George said. "The district office creates another avenue for them to seek help. If you can't make a trip to Lansing my district office is nearby."